

APPENDIX 1

1. An aromatic fluorophosphorus compound suitable for use as an antioxidant said compound being selected from fluorophosphorus compounds having the structure:



wherein R is an substituted aryl group wherein the substituents are tert-alkyl groups:



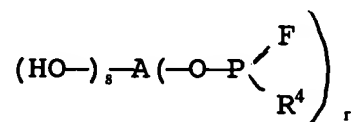
wherein R' is a substituted aryl group wherein the substituents are selected from sec-alkyl, tert-alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, halo, acyloxy, and alkoxy carbonyl alkyl:]



wherein R¹ and R² are substituted or unsubstituted [aryl] phenyl groups wherein the [substituent] substituents are selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, [hydroxy,] alkoxy, aryloxy, and halo[:], and X is selected from the group consisting of a single bond connecting R¹ and R² and divalent bridging groups selected from divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon groups containing 1-12 carbon atoms, —O— and —S_q— wherein q is an integer from 1 to 3[:], and wherein aryl is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl and 4-sec-hexylphenyl.



wherein R is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group wherein the substituents are selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy, halo, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl-alkyl and acyloxy, and R³ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy and aralkoxy; and



Formula IV

wherein A is a mono- or poly-nuclear aromatic group, R^4 is independently selected from fluorine, aryloxy, alkylaryloxy, alkoxy and polyalkoxy, r is an integer from 1 to 4, s is an integer from 0 to 3 and $(r + s)$ equals the valence of A.]

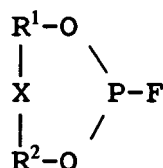
- [2. A compound of claim 1 namely bis(2,6-di-tertbutylphenyl) fluorophosphite.]
- [3. A compound of claim 1 namely: bis(2,4-di-tertbutylphenyl) fluorophosphite.]
- [4. A compound of claim 1 namely bis(4-octadecyloxycarbonylethyl-2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.]
5. A compound of claim 1 namely: 2,2'-ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.
- [6. A compound of claim 1 namely: bis-difluorophosphite ester) of 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenol).]
7. A compound of claim 1 namely: 2,2'-bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.
8. Organic material normally susceptible to gradual oxidative degradation when in contact with oxygen, said organic material being a polymer of an olefinically unsaturated monomer and having incorporated therein by mixing or spraying [containing] an antioxidant amount of an aromatic fluorophosphorus compound, said compound being characterized by having at least one benzene group bonded through oxygen to a trivalent phosphorus atom and at least one fluorine atom bonded to said phosphorus atom.
9. An organic composition of claim 8 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is selected from the group consisting of compounds having the structures:



Formula I

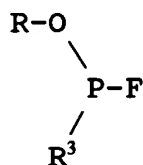
wherein R is a substituted or unsubstituted [aryl] phenyl group wherein the substituents are selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, [hydroxy,] alkoxy, aryloxy, halo, alkoxycarbonyl,

alkoxycarbonylalkyl and acyloxy and n is 1 or 2, and wherein aryl is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl and 4-sec-hexylphenyl;



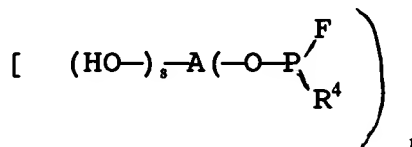
Formula II

wherein R¹ and R² are substituted or unsubstituted [aryl] phenyl groups wherein the substituents are selected from alkyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, [hydroxy,] alkoxy, aryloxy and halo, and X is selected [rom] from the group consisting of a single bond connecting R¹ and R² and divalent bridging groups selected from divalent aliphatic hydrocarbons containing 1-12 carbon atoms, —O— and —S_q— wherein q is an integer from 1 to 3[;], and wherein aryl is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl and 4-sec-hexylphenyl; and



Formula III

wherein R is as previously defined for Formula I and [R₃] R³ is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, alkoxy, cycloalkoxy, aryloxy and aralkoxy[; and], and wherein aryl is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl and 4-sec-hexylphenyl.



Formula IV

wherein A is a mono or polynuclear aromatic group, R⁴ is independently selected from fluorine, aryloxy, alkaryloxy, alkoxy and polyalkoxy and r is an integer from 1 to 4, s is an integer from 0 to 3 and (r+s) equals the valence of A].

[10. A composition of claim 8 wherein said organic material is a polymer of an olefinically unsaturated monomer.]

11. A composition of claim [9] 44 wherein said organic material is a polymer of an olefinically unsaturated monomer.

12. A composition of claim [11] 9 wherein said compound has Formula I[.] , and R is a substituted phenyl group.

13. A composition of claim 12 wherein n is 2 and said substituents are selected from alkyls having 1-20 carbon atoms, [aryls having 6-12 carbon atoms] phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl, 4-sec-hexylphenyl, aralkyls having 7-12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyls having 5-8 carbon atoms, [hydroxy,] alkoxy having 1-12 carbon atoms, aryloxy having 6-12 carbon atoms, halo, [alkoxycarbonylalkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms in its alkoxy moiety and 1-3 carbon atoms in its alkyl moiety, alkoxycarbonyl having 1-20 carbon atoms in its alkoxy moiety] and acyloxy having 1-4 carbon atoms.

14. A composition of claim 13 wherein said substituents are selected from alkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms [and alkoxy carbonylalkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms in its alkoxy moiety and 4 1-3 carbon atoms in its alkyl moiety].

15. A composition of claim 14 wherein said fluorophosphite compound is bis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

16. A composition of claim 14 wherein said fluorophosphite is bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

17. A composition of claim [14] 12 wherein said fluorophosphite compound is bis(4-octadecyloxycarbonylethyl-2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

18. A composition of claim 12 wherein n is 1.

19. A composition of claim 9 wherein said fluorophosphite compound has Formula II wherein said substituents are selected from alkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms, [aryl having 6-12 carbon atoms,] phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl, 4-sec-hexylphenyl, aralkyl having 7-12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5-8 carbon atoms, [hydroxy,] alkoxy having 1-12 carbon [atoms] atoms, aryloxy having 6-12 carbon atoms and halo, and X is selected from the group consisting of a single bond connecting R¹ and R² and divalent bridging groups selected from divalent aliphatic hydrocarbon groups containing 1-12 carbon atoms, -O- and -S_q- wherein q is an integer from 1-3.

20. A composition of claim 19 wherein said substituent groups are alkyls containing 1-20 carbon atoms.

21. A composition of claim 20 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is 2,2'-ethylidenebis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

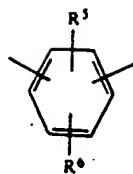
22. A composition of claim 20 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is 2,2'-methylenebis (4-methyl-6-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

23. A composition of claim 20 wherein said fluorophosphite compound is [22,2,] 2,2'-bis(4,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite.

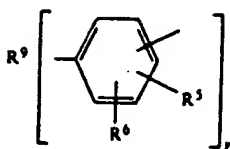
24. A composition of claim 9 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound has Formula III wherein said substituents are selected from alkyls having 1-20 carbon atoms, [aryls having 6-12 carbon atoms,] phenyl, o-tolyl, p-tolyl, naphthyl, 4-phenylphenyl, 4-sec-hexylphenyl, aralkyls having 7-12 carbon atoms, cycloalkyls having 5-8 carbon atoms, [hydroxy,] alkoxy having 1-12 carbon atoms, aryloxy having 6-12 carbon atoms, halo, alkoxycarbonylalkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms in its alkoxy moiety and 1-3 carbon atoms in its alkyl moiety, alkoxycarbonyl having 1-20 carbon atoms in its alkoxy moiety and acyloxy having 1-4 carbon atoms, and R³ is selected from alkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having 5-8 carbon atoms and aralkyls having 7-12 carbon atoms which are bonded through [oxyqen] oxygen to phosphorus and aryls having 6-12 carbon atoms, alkyl having 1-20 carbon atoms, cycloalkyls having 5-8 carbon atoms and aralkyls having 7-12 carbon atoms which are bonded directly to said phosphorus.

[25. A composition of claim 9 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound has Formula IV.]

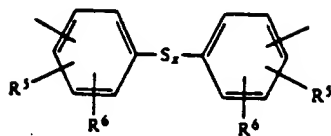
[26. A composition of claim 25 wherein A has a structure selected from:



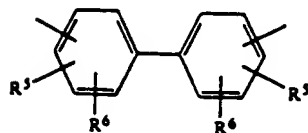
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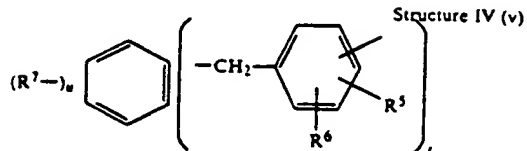
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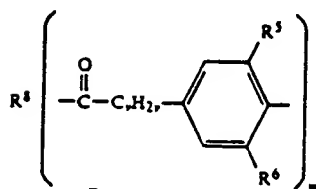
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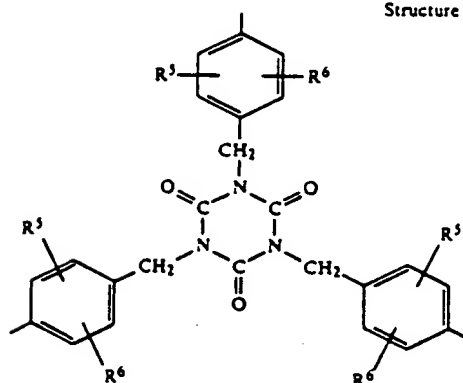
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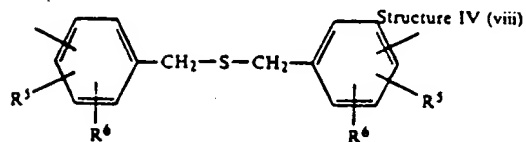
Structure IV (v)



Structure IV (vi)



Structure IV (vii)



Structure IV (viii)

wherein R^5 and R^6 are hydrogen or alkyl having 1-12 carbon atoms, y is an integer from 2 to 3, x is an integer from 1 to 3, t is an integer from 2 to 3, u is an integer from 0 to 4 ($t+u$) equals 2 to 6, w is an integer from 1 to 4, R^7 is hydrogen or an alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, R^8 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having 1-30 carbon atoms and having valence w , v is an integer from 0-4, R^9 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and having valence y .]

[27. A composition of claim 26 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is 2,5-di-tert-butyl-1,4-phenylene bis (difluorophosphite).]

[28. A composition of claim 26 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) bis(difluorophosphite).]

[29. A composition of claim 26 wherein said fluorophosphite compound is the tris(difluorophosphite ester) of 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethyl benzene.]

[30. A composition of claim 26 wherein said fluorophosphorus compound is the tetrakis(difluorophosphite ester) of tetrakis(methylene 3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) propionate)methane.]

[31. A composition of claim 26 wherein said fluorophosphite compound is difluorophosphite ester of octadecyl 3-(3,5-di-tert-butylhydroxyphenyl)propionate.]

32. An organic composition of claim 8 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

33. An organic composition of claim 9 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

34. An organic composition of claim 12 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

35. An organic composition of claim 15 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

36. An organic composition of claim 16 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

37. An organic composition of claim 17 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

38. An organic composition of claim 19 further characterized by containing 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

39. An organic composition of claim 21 further characterized by containing 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.

40. An organic composition of claim 39 wherein said phenolic antioxidant is 1,3,5-tris(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2,4,6-trimethylbenzene.

[41. An organic composition of claim 39 further characterized by containing about 0.005-5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.]

[42. An organic composition of claim 25 further characterized by containing about 0.005 -5 wt. percent of a phenolic antioxidant.]

--43. A aromatic fluorophosphorus compound suitable for use as an antioxidant, said compound being selected from the group consisting of bis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite; bis(4-octadecyloxycarbonyl-2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl) fluorophosphite; and 4,4'-methylenebis(2,6-di-tert-butylphenyl)bis (difluorophosphite).--

--44. A compound of claim 1 combined in an antioxidant amount with an organic material normally susceptible to gradual oxidative degradation when in contact with oxygen.--